

*In re* Application of Briere, *et al.*  
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application) and 09/902,475. Application number 09/902,475 is a continuation of application number 09/553,413.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims, as follows:

15. A mold assembly for use in manufacturing molded thermoplastic containers comprising:

two mold shells each containing a half-impression of a substantial portion of the container to be molded;

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two mold shell holders each defining a cavity for receiving each said respective mold shell such that each said respective mold shell is in at least partial mutual thermal-conduction contact with its respective shell holder, said shell holders being shaped to be supported by two mold carriers made in the form of enveloping structures/movable one with respect to the other; and

at least one quick-fixing locking member by which at least one of said mold shells is removably secured to a respective one of said mold shell holders, said one quick-fixing locking member including a selectively retractable locking member portion.

35. A mold assembly for use in manufacturing molded thermoplastic containers comprising:

two mold shells each containing a half-impression of a substantial portion of the container to be molded;

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two mold shell holders each defining a cavity for receiving each said respective mold shell such that each said respective mold shell is in at least partial mutual thermal-conduction contact with its respective shell holder, said shell holders being shaped to be

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supported by two mold carriers made in the form of enveloping structures/movable one with respect to the other; and

43 at least one quick-fixing locking member by which at least one of said mold shells is removably secured to a respective one of said mold shell holders, said quick-fixing locking member itself including a retractable locking member portion which can be selectively extended and retracted such that when extended, said retractable locking member portion provides at least partial securement of said one of said mold shells relative to said corresponding mold shell holder, and when retracted, said retractable locking member portion does not provide securement of said one said mold shells relative to said corresponding mold shell holder.

36. A mold assembly for use in manufacturing molded thermoplastic containers comprising:

two mold shells each containing a half-impression of a substantial portion of the container to be molded;

two mold shell holders each defining a cavity for receiving each said respective mold shell such that each said respective mold shell is in at least partial mutual thermal-conduction contact with its respective shell holder, said shell holders being shaped to be supported by two mold carriers made in the form of enveloping structures/movable one with respect to the other; and

at least one quick-fixing locking member by which at least one of said mold shells is removably secured to a respective one of said mold shell holders, said one quick-fixing locking member including a selectively movable locking member portion which can be selectively moved into and out of a locking position which at least partially locks said one of said mold shells to said respective mold shell holder, and said quick-fixing locking member is configured to include a portion which remains engaged with said mold shell holder when said quick fixing locking member is moved out of said locking position.